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### **Parks and Recreation Report: City Council Meeting of November 4, 2008**

#### **Roads and Transportation Highlights:**

- Hike and Bike Trail Projects
  - Ohio Parkway Trail Connection
    - **Status - PROJECT COMPLETED**
  - Panther Creek – Hillcrest Trail Connection
    - **Status - PROJECT COMPLETED**
  - College Parkway Hike and Bike Trail
    - **Previous Status** – Revised plans are currently being reviewed by Staff. These plans will be submitted to Oncor. Staff will bring an encroachment agreement to City Council for consideration once a draft has been prepared by Oncor.
    - **Current Status** – Plans are being finalized for the project and staff anticipates taking the encroachment easement to the City Council during their November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Based on this, staff's goal is to bid the project prior to the end of the calendar year. Construction would likely begin after mid January 2009.
  - United States Corps of Engineers 1135 Project
    - **Description** - This project provides for the development of a soft trail system providing a connection from B.F. Phillips Community Park westward to FM 423 and Lake Lewisville.
    - **Previous Status** – No change in status during the month of October.
    - **Current Status** – Based on recent discussion with the USCOE, it appears that funding for this particular project will not reach a priority level for FY'09. Staff will continue to keep in contact with the Corps of Engineers to discuss this project.
  - Stonelake Hike and Bike Trail Connection
    - **Description** - This project provides for a trail linkage from Custer Road west to the Ashley Elementary School site as well as the neighborhood park that lies adjacent to the elementary school site.
    - **Previous Status** – No change in status during the month of October.
    - **Current Status** – Renewed attempts to contact the property owner have not resulted in any further interest in providing this easement. Staff will continue to stay in touch with this owner to pursue the City's interest in obtaining this easement.
  - Chapel Creek Hike and Bike Trail extension
    - **Description** – This project will provide for additional linkage of the existing trail to the east towards Preston Road with the expansion of the subdivision.



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- **Previous Status** – Construction plans are approximately 60% complete and staff is working on a developer's agreement with Land Plan for the ultimate construction of this trail. Timing for this construction of this trail will be determined by the developer of the subdivision but hopefully will be begun within the next 9 months, depending on the timing of the subdivision.
- **Current Status** – Construction plans are moving along slowly and staff continues to communicate and work with the developer regarding a developer's agreement for the construction of the trail. Given the slowdown of this particular development, the timing of this trail section may take longer than originally expected.
- Revision to the Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan
  - **Description** - The original comprehensive Hike and Bike trail Master Plan was completed in 2001.
  - **Previous Status** – During the September 11, 2008 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board, the board approved the revision to the Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan. Next in reviewing the plan and consideration to amend the city's comprehensive plan with the hike and bike trail plan will be the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission is expected to consider this amendment during their October 14, 2008 meeting. Once this has been considered, the Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan will be taken to the City Council for their final consideration.
  - **Current Status** – The Planning and Zoning Commission called for a public hearing during their October 14, 2008 meeting. The public hearing is expected to take place with the Commission during their October 28, 2008 meeting. The Commission is also expected to consider the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan at this time. Staff will be taking the Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan to the City Council for discussion in November and returning to the Council for final consideration at a later meeting.

### **Facilities and Capital Projects Highlights:**

- Building Facilities
  - Senior Center at Frisco Square
    - **Previous Status** – During the month of August, there were over 130 activities, classes and special events that took place at the Senior Center. All in all, there were over 2,000 seniors that participated in these various activities.



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- **Current Status** – The Senior Center completed the month of September with approximately 2,053 seniors participating in over 157 programs. In response to requests from our participants, staff added several new arts and crafts classes to the regular schedule during this time. One of the highly attended programs for the seniors is the Strength, Core and Balance class. In addition, staff has added a Senior Fitness Test to assess the fitness level of our seniors.
- Senior Center – Phase II
  - **Status – PROJECT COMPLETED**
- Frisco Athletic Center
  - General
    - **Previous Status** – Did you know that the membership of the FAC is almost split evenly between males and females? Males made up 49.4% of the Center's membership and Females constituted 50.6% of the membership.
    - Members under the age of 45 make up 86.5% of the total membership of the FAC.
    - By the end of August, the FAC had a total of 15,897 total members, with a daily average of 1,477 members attending the Center during the month.
    - **Current Status** – With the beginning of school taking place in August, membership attendance has gone down to pre-summer levels in September and October. This is expected and membership levels are likely to continue to be flat over the next two months as we near the end of the calendar year.
    - The FAC celebrated its first anniversary in operation on October 22, 2008. Activities to help celebrate the first year's success of the Frisco Athletic Center are expected to take place in the first couple of weeks of November.
    - Staff will be unveiling our membership drive for the next year within the next couple of weeks. Final details are being worked out at the time of this report.
- Outdoor Aquatic Center
  - **Previous Status** - The outdoor aquatic area concluded its seasonal operation on Labor Day. Moving forward, staff will continue to maintain the equipment, chemical levels and water clarity during the winter months. As common practice, the outdoor pools will continue to be filled with water and will continue to be maintained.
  - **Current Status** – Staff is working with the contractor on the timing of final warranty work on the outdoor aquatic center. This work is expected to take place over the next couple of months and well before the 2009 summer opening of the facility.



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- Indoor Recreation Area
  - **Previous Status** – Staff is working with the Building Services Division to schedule annual maintenance items at the FAC. Maintenance items that will be performed include re-sealing of the hardwood floors in the gymnasium, racquetball courts and aerobic studios; tile and grout cleaning combined with re-sealing; painting of the major public corridors with a new more durable and maintenance friendly paint; carpet cleaning; glass cleaning and other items.
  - Staff has elected to perform these items independently of each other as opposed to doing all of these items at once. By doing this, members will still be able to utilize portions of the facility at all times. Please note, certain portions of the facility will be closed during some of the maintenance activities due to the nature and duration of the applications, i.e. the gymnasium will be closed for approximately two days. We will schedule these activities at time in which we believe our members will be least impacted.
  - **Current Status** – In November, the FAC will begin to see some of the annual maintenance items discussed previously. Painting of walls and corridors will be taking place at the Center during the next 30-45 days. Additionally, final arrangements are being made for the re-sealing of the gymnasium and racquetball courts as well as the cleaning of tiles and floors at the facility.
  - With the Council's approval of a new janitorial contract for the next fiscal year, new service for the FAC will begin during the last week of October. This contract should provide a higher level of service for the Center during this next year.

### **Ongoing Maintenance of maturing areas of the city:**

- Reinvestment to current park assets
  - Description – Staff is currently moving forward with the redevelopment of the following older park sites.
    - Duncan Park (Funded for 2009)



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- **Previous Status** – Staff will be bringing forth a professional services agreement for the reinvestment of this park site during the month of October. Anticipated reinvestment will include sidewalk trail around the perimeter of the park, new landscaping, upgrading of the irrigation system, sign enhancement, and replacement of the existing playground. This playground system is separate from the additional playground system that the City has partnered with the Curtsinger PTA.
- **Current Status** – Since the last update, construction of the playground has been completed. Additionally, staff is currently working with the park consultant for the reinvestment work that will be done next year. This planning will continue for the next 30-45 days prior to the consultant developing plans for the park.
- First Street Park (Currently funded for 2008)
- Preston North Park (Currently funded for 2008)
- Youth Center Park (Currently funded for 2008)
  - **Previous Status** – Staff is completing the professional services agreement for the master planning and development of the park's reinvestment and will be bringing this to the City Council for their consideration in October. Once this has been done, staff will be setting up times in which a public meeting with the neighborhood to discuss improvements to the park.
  - **Current Status** – Staff continues to work with the consultant to complete the professional services agreement for the master planning and development of the Youth Center Park. Completion of this contract and submittal to the City Council should take place over the next 30-45 days.
- Bi-Centennial Park
  - **Previous Status** – Staff is completing the professional services agreement for the master planning and development of the park's reinvestment and will be bringing this to the City Council for their consideration in October. Once approved, staff will be meeting with the area to discuss the improvements to this area.
  - **Current Status** – Staff is reviewing the professional services agreement for the proposed planning and construction documents that will accompany the development of this area. Completion of this contract and submittal to the City Council should take place over the next 30-45 days.



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### **Park Development:**

- Completed Neighborhood Parks:
  - Description – The following neighborhood parks were completed in 2008
    - Vivian Stark McCallum
    - Tuscany Village
    - J.C. Grant
    - Coyote Crossing
    - Foncine Settlement Park
- Neighborhood Parks Currently under Development:
  - Beavers Bend Pond and Trail Project
    - Description – This project includes the redevelopment of a pond located on the west side of Beavers Bend Park as well as the development of a concrete trail that will provide connection from Beavers Bend to Fourth Army Memorial Road, which is adjacent to B.F. Phillips Community Park.
    - **Previous Status** – Construction of the trail is approximately forty percent complete with completion anticipated within the next 2-3 weeks. Pouring of the playground perimeter has taken place in anticipation of installing the playground equipment. Improvements to the pond are near completion and anticipated to be finished by the beginning of October.
    - **Current Status** – The contractor made good progress on the project during the month of October. Based on this progress, the park development should be concluded within the next two months. Currently, the pond is near completion, and the installation of the playground has not been completed at the time of this report.
  - Hummingbird Park Development
    - Description – This neighborhood park development will be taking place along Honey Grove Drive adjacent to Isabel Sem Elementary School.
    - **Previous Status** – During the past month, the contractor has completed approximately 65% of the sidewalk trail. Site work on the park is about 85% with finish grading still needed to take place. The pedestrian bridge is expected to be constructed within the next 30-45 days. While the project continues to be behind schedule, staff has been clear with the contractor about getting the project moving forward. Oversight on the project continues to be done in a proactive approach by staff.





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- **Current Status** – Work on this project has progressed well over the past month. Based on the work done in October, it appears that the project should be completed within the next 90 days.
- Stephens Green Park Development
  - Description – This neighborhood park is located adjacent to Ashley Elementary School and is located in the Stonelake Estates development.
  - **Previous Status** – Progress has moved forward well over the past month. The parking area is complete, with work on the playground is currently in progress and should be completed within the next month. Landscaping of the park is underway and will continue during the next month. Construction of the bridge is anticipated to be completed within the next 6 weeks.
  - **Current Status** – Even though the overall project is moving along well, the pedestrian bridge for the project has been delayed, which will prevent the park from being completed until approximately 60 more days. As the remaining portions of the park are completed, the contractor will work on other punch list items until the bridge has been completed.
- Crescent Park Development
  - Description – This neighborhood park is located adjacent to Pink Elementary and Griffin Middle School in the Griffin Parc development.
  - **Previous Status** – The playground has been installed and completed in September. The construction of the park pavilion has begun and should be completed during the next month. The installation of irrigation has been completed and landscaping for the park will be taking place over the next month.
  - **Current Status** – During the month of October, construction of the park has gone well and based on this work, the contractor should be in a position to have the park completed within the next 30-45 days

### Neighborhood Parks being Master Planned

- Description and Status – ALL MASTER PLANS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR FY'08
- Park Construction
  - Community Parks
    - Description – The following community parks are currently under construction:
      - B.F. Phillips Community Park – Phase I



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- **Previous Status** – The contractor continues to work on final punch list items and hopefully will be finished with these over the next month. The paving of Fourth Army Memorial was accomplished in mid-September and is currently curing. Striping and acceptance of the road should take place over the next 30-45 days.
  - **Current Status** – Final punch list items are being addressed and should be completed within the next month.
  - Staff is working with the park consultant to finalize a professional services agreement on Phase II work that was funded through the FCDC for FY'09. It is expected that these contracts should be ready to take to the City Council during the next 30-45 days.
- Description – The following community parks are completed
  - Harold Bacchus Community Park – Phase II
  - Warren Sports Complex – Phase VI
- Community Parks being Master Planned:
  - There are no community parks currently being master planned.
- Grand Park
  - **Previous Status** – Staff will be meeting with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TECQ) on October 3, 2008 to discuss the project and specifically water right issues and storage use of water associated with the park. This meeting had to be rescheduled due to weather conditions associated with Hurricane Ike postponing it earlier in September.
  - **Current Status** – Staff did meet with the TCEQ in early October to discuss the overall project and related water right issues for the development of the Grand Park. Staff is also working with the North Texas Municipal Water District to discuss water right issues for the project. These discussions will be ongoing for the next several months as permitting of the project nears.
- Cottonwood Linear Park
  - Description – Located along Cottonwood Creek, primarily from Legacy Parkway westward to Teel Parkway, this is a partnership project between the developer of Shaddock Creek Estates and the City in an effort to provide development and to transfer ownership of the property to the City.
  - **Previous Status** – Staff regularly keeps in contact with the developer for this project and due to a downturn in the housing industry, this project will likely be delayed to 2009 at best. Staff will continue to monitor this in case of issues that might accelerate its development.





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- **Current Status** – Given the past communication with the developer for this project, it appears that the development of the linear park may not occur in 2009, unless there is more movement with the development of the residential area adjacent to the park. Staff will continue to communicate with the developer to see if the status of this project changes.

### Special Parks and Facilities

- **Description** – Possible development of a dog park facility
- **Previous Status** – The second public meeting for this project was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at the Pioneer Heritage Middle School. Approximately 38 persons attended this meeting and helped to provide input to staff as well as the park consultant regarding what elements of a dog park would be appropriate if this were to ultimately take place at B.F. Phillips Community Park. As a result of this meeting, staff will be taking this information to the Parks and Recreation Board as well as the Frisco Community Development Corporation for their consideration in revising the master plan for this community park. This joint meeting will likely take place in November, once both boards have had new members inducted.
- **Current Status** - A joint meeting of the Frisco Community Development Corporation and the Frisco Parks and Recreation Board will be taking place on Monday, November 10, 2008 at the Senior Center at Frisco Square. Among the agenda items for this meeting will be consideration to revise the master plan for B.F. Phillips Community Park. The proposed revision would be for the potential development of a dog park facility.

### **Special Events:**

- Recently completed events:
  - **Mother-Son Dance** – The two dances took place on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at Wakeland High School with a total registration of over 800 participants coming to the dances. Given the response for this year's dance, staff will quickly move forward to make arrangements to host the dances next year.
  - **ArborFest and City of Frisco Green Health and Safety Fair** – Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> was a busy day with both the Mother Son dances as well as the annual Health and Safety Fair that took place at the Frisco Athletic Center. Several thousand visitors attended the event with activities and entertainment taking place both inside as well as outside of the FAC. Response to the event was positive and staff is hopeful that the event will take place at the FAC again in 2009.



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- Upcoming events:
  - Upcoming Park Dedication:
    - B.F. Phillips Community Park – Staff will look to dedicate this community park in the Spring of 2009. More details on times, dates, etc. will be forthcoming over the next several months.
  - Breakfast with Santa – Santa will be on hand at the Senior Center at Frisco Square on Saturday, December 6, 2008 to share breakfast with boys and girls of all ages.
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Merry Main Street – Saturday, December 6, 2008. Staff continues to finalize plans for this annual event that will take place at the Simpson Plaza, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Thousands of residents will be on hand for all of the food, entertainment and fun for the annual Christmas Tree lighting.
  - Frosty 5K Run – One week after the Merry Main Street event on Saturday, December 13, 2008 the Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the annual Frosty 5K Run and fun walk at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Complex Plaza beginning at 9:00 a.m.
  - Santa Skate - Saturday, December 13 will also be the date for the annual Santa Skate event at the Dr Pepper Star Center. This will take place between 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. that day.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Winter Games of Texas – January 17-18, 2009 at various locations. The Parks and Recreation Department helps provide assistance to the Frisco Convention and Visitors Bureau for this annual series of events that are held in various venues throughout the city. This year, there will be 14 different sports taking place. More information about the Winter Games of Texas will be forthcoming over the next month.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Daddy Daughter Dance – Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the Frisco Convention Center. Staff is finalizing details for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual dance that will take place at the Frisco Convention Center on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Expand Youth Involvement in the City:**

- New Recreation and Aquatic Center
  - Staff is working on possible activities that can take place at the FAC to help involve youth over the Center's second year of operation. Possible groups that are being explored would include the FISSD, churches, etc.
- Youth Activity Center
  - **Previous Status** – No change in status on this project during the month of August.



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- **Current Status** – Staff is finalizing a professional services agreement for the development of the skateboard park facility. This includes a specialty company that will assist the park consultant in designing the skateboard facility. This agreement should be completed within the next month and submitted to the City Council for their consideration.